

Torrance, California
December 12, 1944

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday, December 12, 1944 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Cucci moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held November 28, 1944 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Rotary Club of Torrance, expressing appreciation for use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of December 7, 1944. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Associated Division, Tide Water Associated Oil Company, advising that for the twelve months preceding December 2, 1944, no receipts or earnings were derived by said Company from the use, operation and possession of Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance #1351 lying within the City of Torrance. Matter of record.

A communication addressed to Councilman Gilbert was read from L. Finch, 1119 Sartori Avenue, advising that the writer is associated with the Western States Model Race Car Association, and requesting the City Council to assist the Association in obtaining necessary facilities for an electric timer for the Torrance track, which is laid and will be in operation soon. It was stated that the Southern California Edison Company had advised that they could not grant a priority for a transformer to be mounted on the poles adjacent to the track. It was suggested that the City make the request to the Edison Company in the interest of recreation and amusement, it being felt by the writer that the municipality would possibly be granted the necessary priority to get the transformer installed.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request of Mr. L. Finch for assistance by the City in obtaining the necessary facilities from the Southern California Edison Company for an electric timer for the Torrance model race car track be referred to the Recreation Committee for further study and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Edsel Newton, 24417 Neece Avenue, Waleria, requesting that some action be taken to regulate heavy trucking over Neece Avenue, a residential street, in Waleria. Mr. Newton stated that truck and trailer units weighing approximately 10 to 12 tons are using this street en route to delivery of oil at the Kern Oil Company's wholesale depot at Hawthorne Boulevard and Newton Streets, which threatens early destruction of the thin pavement of Neece Avenue.

Councilman Cucci moved that this matter be referred to the Chief of Police for investigation to determine whether or not City regulations are being violated, and for whatever action the Chief may deem necessary. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the City Engineer should be included in the motion, advising that he questions whether the Chief should be the one to determine whether or not there is a violation.

A short discussion ensued, Chief Stroh advising that the street is not posted against heavy trucking and is, therefore, open to whatever use the public may make of it so far as trucking is concerned. He suggested posting it at both ends, which would remedy the condition.

Councilman Powell asked Attorney McCall whether or not it is within the power of the City to limit the tonnage allowed over certain streets, Attorney McCall advising that the Chief of Police has the authority to do so. Engineer Jain reported that the Kern Oil Company has access to Hawthorne Boulevard, a major highway, and also to Newton Street, over which they could do their trucking, but that the drivers have been using Neece Avenue for convenience.

Councilman Cucci asked Attorney McCall whether or not it is required that the Chief of Police submit his recommendations in connection with traffic matters in the form of a resolution to the City Council.

Attorney McCall stated that he did not think the traffic ordinance required the Chief to submit his recommendations to the Council in the form of a resolution, and offered to study the ordinance further to determine this point. He said he thought the ordinance is broad enough in scope to allow the Chief of Police to post the street against heavy trucking if he determines that regulations are being violated.

Councilman Cucci insisted that a resolution containing the Chief's recommendations is necessary, for action by the Council. He added that he felt an investigation should be made to determine whether or not Neece Avenue is the only means of entry and egress for the company in question.

Chief Stroh said an investigation had been made for this matter several years ago, at which time the officers of the company had agreed to, and had, instructed the drivers to stay off Neece Avenue during heavy trucking operations. However, he said, he had recently again talked with the officers of the company who advised that there is now such a rapid and constant exchange of drivers that it has been impossible to keep them all informed. He again suggested that the condition could be remedied by posting Neece Avenue on both ends, i.e. at Newton Street and at 101 Highway.

After some further discussion, Councilman Cucci moved that trucks and trailer units weighing more than four tons be prohibited from traveling over Neece Avenue in WALTERIA, and that the Chief of Police be instructed to post this street against heavy trucking. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci withdrew his original motion and Councilman Gilbert withdrew his second.

A communication was read from the Grand Jury, County of Los Angeles, enclosing copy of a resolution adopted November 28, 1944 by the Grand Jury relative to sanitary conditions in cafeterias and other food catering concerns serving food to students at the schools within Los Angeles County, it having been disclosed that in various instances the operation of such cafeterias and food catering services does not conform to the sanitation regulations required generally of all other public eating places.

It was requested that the Council consider the matter and inform the Grand Jury of any action taken.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this matter be referred back to the entire City Council for thorough study, the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for presentation to the Council in connection with this subject. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, advising that at a special meeting of the Chamber held December 6, 1944, it had been suggested that a special Postwar Planning Committee be formed to work in conjunction with the City of Torrance, and that all the directors of the Chamber had been appointed to serve on this committee.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to invite the Chamber of Commerce Post War Committee to attend a meeting with the City Council and the Planning Commission during the first part of January, 1945, the exact date to be determined by Mr. Bartlett before notifying the Chamber Committee. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting the Council to institute angle parking on Torrance Boulevard between Cota Avenue and Border Avenue.

Councilman Powell moved that this request be referred to the Chief of Police for recommendation at the next meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Abel Davila, in reply to a communication directed to him November 18, 1944 by order of the City Council, in which Mr. Davila stated that the 14 acre tract of land owned by him, and upon which property he desires to live in a tent or other temporary quarters during the time he expects to build a house, is located on 174th Street between Yukon and Ainsworth Avenues.

Councilman Gilbert stated that a definite date should be given by Mr. Davila as to when he expects to begin occupancy of the temporary quarters and when he expects to vacate the temporary quarters. Councilman Hitchcock pointed out that Mr. Davila probably is unable to give this information, due to the fact that he is waiting for available materials to start building, according to the communication, and will no doubt be subjected to unexpected delays and uncertain delivery dates.

Councilman Cucci claimed that the entire matter is a Planning Commission matter. Councilman Gilbert disagreed, stating that the City Council may grant permission to live in a tent for a limited time.

After some further discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be instructed to request Mr. Abel Davila to meet with the City Council for discussion of Mr. Davila's request for a permit to live in a tent or temporary quarters on his 14 acre tract of land located on 174th Street between Yukon and Ainsworth Avenues. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from O. D. Butterfield, City Electrician, recommending that a street light be placed on Neece Avenue, between 242nd and 244th Streets, WALTERIA, in compliance with a request made by Joel Hagberg at the last regular meeting.

Engineer Jain advised that the street light will be owned and installed by the Edison Company and that the City will pay the electricity at approximately \$2.00 per month.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of O. D. Butterfield be accepted and complied with. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from O. D. Butterfield, City Electrician, enclosing proposed ordinance adopting the 1941 Edition of the Uniform Electrical Code, and recommending its adoption by the City of Torrance.

Also, a communication was read from O. D. Butterfield, attaching thereto an ordinance regulating the sale or disposal of electrical materials, devices and appliances, and recommending the adoption of this ordinance by the City of Torrance.

Councilman Cucci moved that this matter be referred back to the entire City Council and the City Attorney for study and action at the next regular meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A copy of a bulletin issued by Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, directed to drivers of the Bus Lines, was read, in which it was stated that, effective December 10, 1944, H. C. Callihan will act in the capacity of Mr. Ward on Saturdays and Sundays and giving an outline of Mr. Callihan's duties while acting in that capacity.

Councilman Powell advised that this amounts to setting up specific extra time for a regular employee, which will be paid at the overtime rate of time and one-half and that he, therefore, thought the plan should be acted upon by the City Council in one way or another.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the entire City Council and that Mr. Ward be requested to meet with the Council for thorough discussion of all the details of the proposed plan. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, recommending that the bills discussed at the last regular meeting be paid, the bills having been incurred by Mr. Koors for equipment which Mr. Ward said had been used to good advantage. He enclosed copies of the two bills, being (1) \$201.84 and (2) \$289.63.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Clerk be authorized to pay bills amounting to \$491.47 for a spring assembly for Ford Bus #102 and for a generator and cylinder assembly for Ford Bus #102, these items having been ordered by Mr. Charles Koors. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, advising that the complaint filed by Mr. G. M. Bumpus at the last regular meeting had been thoroughly investigated by Mr. Ward. It was stated that the complaint relative to fare was

entirely unjustified, as the amount charged by the driver in question is the correct amount. However, Mr. Ward continued, the complaint relative to unnecessary conversation on the part of the driver may be justified, as he, Mr. Ward, felt Mr. Bumpus would have not filed the complaint unless something had transpired to provoke him. He stated that the driver in question has an excellent safety record and leniency has been shown in disciplining him. Mr. Ward stated that, as a disciplinary measure, the driver has been taken off the Los Angeles run and placed on the local night shuttle run until a complete change of schedule and routing takes place, at which time he will be allowed to bid any run which comes to him.

Copy of a communication forwarded to Mr. Bumpus, dated November 30, 1944, was read. Copy of the above letter was also forwarded to Mr. Bumpus.

Four letters commending Mr. Richard Larry, Driver, against whom the complaint was filed, were read from: (1) Mrs. Smythe, (2) Mrs. R. W. Bartlett and Nora Woodward, (3) Jay A. Ravenstine and (4) Mrs. J. Tyler.

Councilman Gilbert moved that copies of these letters commending Mr. Larry be furnished Mr. Ward, Manager of the Bus Lines, for his files and future reference. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that \$67.65, including tax, be appropriated for 12 No. 12 8" Ray Lite Street lighting globes for Torrance Boulevard, the City Electrician having been ordered to place globes in the fixtures on Torrance Boulevard to Hickory Street at a previous meeting, but no specific amount having been allocated for same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$69.96, plus tax, be made for overhaul of one generator and one voltage regulator for Bus #101, work to be done by United Service and Supply Company. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that \$165.00 be appropriated for elevating and remodeling the two doors at the City Yard, this being necessary to get the new busses into the shed, work to be done by the Overhead Door Company. Councilman Cucci suggested that, as a part of his motion, the \$165.00 be paid from the General Fund of the city allocated for building repairs, as this is an improvement to a permanent structure and not specifically a Bus Lines outlay. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci stated that the Bus Lines would be willing to pay a proportionate share of the above amount, but not the entire sum.

Councilman Cucci moved that \$149.48, including tax, be made for a Differential Assembly for Bus #102, purchased from Jumbo Equipment Company, being an emergency order. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

It was stated that this item had already been purchased upon signature of the requisition by three members of the Council, since it constituted an emergency.

Councilman Cucci moved that \$22,566.40, including tax, be appropriated for two new busses, less tires, purchased from Crown Body and Coach Company. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that, in order to avoid expensive delays in waiting for materials and supplies for the busses, an appropriation of \$952.49 be made for purchase of materials and supplies for stock for use on the busses as needed. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci remarked that it appears some changes will be necessary in the mechanic arrangement at the City Garage, due to the fact that considerable confusion results when busses and City equipment other than busses need repairs at the same time, the busses being considered extremely important since they are public carriers, and usually receive first consideration. He suggested that one more mechanic be employed, there being three at the present time, two of the four to devote their entire time to busses and the other two to devote their entire time to City equipment other than busses. He suggested that the two bus mechanics work from four o'clock to 12 o'clock and from 12 o'clock to 8 o'clock, Mr. Herman Pickett, Chief Mechanic, to continue in that capacity and buy parts during the day time while the mechanics do the work during their own shifts.

Engineer Jain stated that when one piece of City equipment, such as the loader or grader, is disabled, the entire project stops, as it is impossible to obtain immediate service to equipment and impossible to purchase new equipment. He said he felt a mechanic should be assigned full time to City equipment other than busses. He pointed out that it involves stopping an entire crew of workmen when a project closes down due to disabled equipment.

Councilman Gilbert stated that he felt, in the very near future, for the benefit of all departments, a complete severance of the bus department from the other City departments will be necessary.

Councilman Cucci moved that the services of two mechanics be employed full time for bus equipment exclusively, their shifts to be from 4 o'clock to 12 o'clock and 8 o'clock to 4 o'clock.

Councilman Hitchcock said he would favor doing as Councilman Cucci suggests if two of the three mechanics at the City Garage remain as Street Department mechanics, they having originally been employed as such, and the other one is shifted to bus equipment altogether.

Mayor Tolson suggested that the shifts of the mechanics be left to Mr. Ward, Manager of the Bus Lines, in order that emergencies and unforeseen circumstances may be considered, instead of ruling on a definite and explicit shift at this particular time.

Mr. Ward agreed that this would be a good idea.

Councilman Cucci remarked that the City Council authorized the employment of three mechanics at a former meeting, making it unnecessary to authorize the actual employment at this time.

Councilman Cucci moved that the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines assume the full salary of two garage mechanics who are to devote their entire time specifically to busses and bus equipment. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci reported that Mrs. Jamieson, Librarian, has requested that some arrangement be made for transporting books back and forth to the WALTERIA Library, and moved that Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, be authorized to transport books to the WALTERIA Branch Library every Wednesday according to Mrs. Jamieson's wishes. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a private survey crew be employed for setting the grade stakes, as needed, on Torrance Boulevard, effective December 2, 1944, at \$50.00 per day. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert pointed out that the \$50.00 per day would cover services of an entire crew, plus equipment and an automobile.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$78.41, including tax, be made for 1000 gallons bitumuls from American Bitumuls Company for the Street Department. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$150.00 be made for a reconditioned motor for #8 Ford Truck for the Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Second Monthly Estimate on the Torrance Boulevard project, as prepared by the City Engineer's Office, be authorized for payment to the Tomei Construction Company. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock read a communication from Engineer Jain relative to the North Torrance water well in which it was stated that the parties who offered to buy the water well are using an exhorbitant amount of water, and are watering fifteen to twenty head of stock, although all the users were restricted specifically to domestic use of the water two years ago. He stated that Mrs. Gonner, one of the original parties connected with the matter, had complained about the party using the unusual amount of water and had furnished him (Mr. Jain) with copies of the party's water bills, which were extremely high.

Mr. Jain reported that the company is operating at a loss of approximately \$20.00 per month.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the matter be referred to the entire Council for study. Councilman Powell seconded the motion.

Councilman Hitchcock remarked that the matter has been pending for several years, whereupon Councilman Gilbert replied that the present Council had not studied this matter thoroughly and that he felt rates could be set up by the Council to place the company in a position where it would at least operate without losing money. He said that if the matter is thoroughly discussed and studied, the Council can surely arrive at some solution of the problem.

It was suggested that Mr. Stevenson, owner of the Moneta Water Company, be invited to attend a meeting for discussion of this matter, as he had expressed interest in the past in the North Torrance Water Company.

Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, was asked to comment on the subject, and he advised that the City has no ordinance which applies to a water district in North Torrance. He said they would first be required to pass ordinances regulating and governing the Company.

Engineer Jain reported that, at the present time, there are only two of the original consumers connected with the North Torrance Water Company.

Mayor Tolson commented that it would appear, inasmuch as the company is not within a water district, the City can take whatever steps it deems necessary and fitting toward solving the problem.

Engineer Jain said the two original consumers, who know the history of the matter, would be willing to pay any reasonable rate the City established, as they realize that the present rates are extremely low.

After a great deal more discussion, participated in by the Council, Engineer Jain and the City Attorney, Councilman Gilbert added to his motion, "and that the City Clerk be authorized to arrange a meeting with the City Council, Mr. Stevenson, Owner of the Moneta Water Company, and the City Attorney for thorough discussion of the North Torrance Water Company matter," which motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that permanent transfer of #11 1940 Dodge Truck from the Street Department to the Park Department be authorized. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$325.00, plus tax, be made for a new bed for #11 Dodge Truck. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$275.00, plus tax, be made for a winch for #11 Dodge Truck, price includes labor of installing. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to take an option on Lots 62 and 63, Tract 9901, located on 203rd Street in the Pueblo district, for recreation purposes. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$1,000.00 be made for the City-wide Community Christmas Party for children which is being given by the Loyal Order of Moose, Torrance Lodge No. 785. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Loyal Order of Moose, Torrance Lodge No. 785, be granted free use of the Civic Auditorium all day December 24, 1944 for the holding of a City-wide Christmas party for children. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson asked whether or not any reply had been received from the Civil Service Board relative to the reinstatement of Fred Ernst to his position as Senior Street Maintenance Man, Mr. Ernst having been honorably discharged from the Military Service.

Mr. Slonecker, member of the Civil Service Board, stated that the Civil Service Board had recommended that Mr. Ernst be reinstated to his former position as Senior Street Maintenance Man in concurrence with the recommendation of Mr. Jain. He said a letter would no doubt be forthcoming soon.

Attorney McCall reported that Congress has recently extended from forty days to ninety days after discharge the time during which a returning soldier may report for his former position.

Mayor Tolson reported that, at a meeting held December 4, 1944 with the Retail Merchants Association relative to a monument for World Wars I and II Veterans, a tentative recommendation had been made that a memorial building be erected to include recreational facilities for the entire City.

Mayor Tolson reported that the Council had met recently with the Planning Commission.

Councilman Gilbert stated that the trailer situation had been discussed at the meeting, and that he felt the Council should adopt a definite policy at this time and deal with future requests for permits to occupy trailers according to the policy established. He said the Planning Commission had been of the opinion that the Chief of Police had the authority to take action in the matter with no further instructions from the Council, as the matter was referred to the Chief of Police some time ago.

Mayor Tolson asked if he meant that the Chief should cite the persons into court for proof of whether or not they are violating the ordinance, Councilman Gilbert's answer being in the affirmative.

Councilman Powell stated that either the ordinance should be enforced or repealed, although, he said, he thought some of the persons occupying trailers are unaware that they are violating regulations.

Councilman Powell moved that all those persons occupying trailers in conflict with City ordinances regulating trailers be given thirty (30) days notice to move their trailers into trailer areas, and the Chief of Police be authorized to proceed with enforcing the terms of the ordinance if the parties so notified do not comply with the order. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Upon recommendation of Engineer Jain, Mayor Tolson moved that Mr. C. B. Bagnall be granted a refund of \$21.00 in compliance with his request read at the November 28, 1944 meeting, in which request he applied for a refund of the \$22.50 paid as a sewer connection fee to the City, \$1.50 of the \$22.50 being retained in accordance with instructions furnished by Mr. Jain, representing the sewer inspection fee. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert stated that there are several more instances where persons paid the sewer connection fee, but it was later discovered that the connection had already been made, and asked whether or not these persons could obtain a refund of amounts paid by them. He was advised that, upon applying for same, they could be allowed refunds.

Engineer Jain remarked that he believed the amount which should be retained by the City representing sewer inspection fee should be \$5.75 instead of \$1.50, as Mr. Bagnall is possibly located in a new district where the fee is higher. He asked that the motion to refund \$21.00 to Mr. Bagnall be amended.

Mayor Tolson moved that his motion to refund \$21.00 to Mr. C. B. Bagnall be rescinded. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson moved that Mr. C. B. Bagnall be refunded some portion of the \$22.50 paid for sewer connection fee to the City, according to figures to be furnished by Engineer Jain as to the correct amount of the sewer inspection fee for the district Mr. Bagnall is located in. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

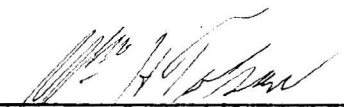
None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:18 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE